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“ACT OF EVIL”

26 killed in church attack in Texas’ deadliest mass shooting



By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS» A man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle opened fire inside a church in a small South Texas community Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding at least 16 others in what the governor called the deadliest mass shooting in the state’s history. The dead ranged in age from 5 to 72 years old. Authorities didn’t identify the attacker during a news conference Sunday night, but two other officials — one a U.S. official and one in law enforcement — identified him as Devin Kelley. They spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to discuss the investigation. The U.S. official said Kelley lived in a San Antonio suburb and didn’t appear to be linked to organized terrorist groups. Investigators were looking at social media posts Kelley made in the days before Sunday’s attack, including one that appeared to show an AR-15 semiautomatic weapon. Kelley lived at a mobile home park in Colorado Springs as recently as November 2014, according to state voter records. He registered as an unaffiliated voter, but he never cast a ballot in Colorado. He did not have a criminal record here, according to a Colorado Bureau of Investigation background check. In a brief statement, the Pentagon confirmed he had served in the Air Force “at one point.” Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said records show that Kelley served in Logistics Readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in **SHOOTING » 6A**

Above, investigators work at the scene Sunday of a mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, after a man opened fire inside the church in the small South Texas community. At right, a man wipes tears from his eyes near the scene of the shooting. Photos by Jay Janner (top) and Nick Wagner (right), Austin American-Statesman



“There are no words to describe the pure evil that we witnessed in Sutherland Springs today.” Texas Gov. Greg Abbott

“The heart continues to break.” For those who have survived or lost a loved one in a mass shooting, Sunday’s news is gut-wrenching. »7A

HOUSING SHORTAGE

Effort to limit home construction persists

Lakewood Strategic Growth Initiative mired in legal challenges.

By John Aguilar
The Denver Post

The mismatch between the number of people moving to the Denver area and the inventory of homes and apartments available to buy and rent has long fed a plot line that is only too familiar to new arrivals to the state — your hunt for a

home will be harder than you thought. But even as thousands of newcomers each year try to stake a claim on metro Denver’s drum-tight housing supply — the Denver Metro Association of Realtors reported Friday that the number of homes and condos available for sale at the end of October hit a record low for the month — concerns about the potential for runaway development are never far below the surface. **LAKEWOOD » 11A**

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CRUCIAL VOTE ON EVE OF CITY’S ELECTION

Potentially, four new Lafayette City Council members could begin their tenures at the onset of a controversial new fracking moratorium this month. »2A

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TRUMP IN ASIA

President Trump arrives in Japan and speaks to U.S. and Japanese military personnel about confronting threats in Asia. »12A

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Commerce leader Ross has connection to Russia

By Bernard Condon
The Associated Press

NEW YORK» Newly leaked documents show that Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, the Trump administration’s point man on trade and manufacturing policy, has a stake in a company that does business with a gas producer partly owned by the son-in-law of Russian President Vladimir Putin. According to records obtained by the International Consortium of Investigative

Journalists (ICIJ), Ross is an investor in Navigator Holdings, a shipping giant that counts Russian gas and petrochemical producer Sibur among its major customers. Putin’s son-in-law, Kirill Shamalov, once owned more than 20 percent of the company but now holds a much smaller stake. Commerce Department spokesman James Rockas said Ross “never met” Shamalov and has generally supported the Trump administration’s sanctions against Russia, ac- **ROSS » 9A**

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